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1.A. APPRECIATE FULL DEPT'S FUNDING AND SCHEDULING PROBLEM FOR FY 74 IV GRANTEE OUTLINED REFTEL A. HOWEVER, AM OBLIGED REQUEST DEPT ALLOW POST AT LEAST UNTIL END OF APRIL TO DETERMINE DEFINITELY FROM HABBROUSH WHETHER HE WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL BEFORE END OF JUNE. ALTHOUGH IT DOUBTFUL DUE TO PRESS OF WORK AND SENSITIVE POSITION HE HOLDS WITHIN UAE/ABU DHABI POWER STRUCTURE THAT HABBROUSH WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE IN ANY CASE TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT TIMING OF HIS TRIP UNTIL LAST MINUTE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT BELIEVE IT FAIR TO PENALIZE HIM FOR FAILURE USG CONFIRM UNTIL EARLY MARCH THAT THERE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER HIS GRANT.

B. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT POST RECONFIRMED HABBROUSH'S INTENTION IV GRANT IN AUG 1973. IN LATE 1973, WE ASKED HIM FOR DETAILED BIO DATA, AND HE CERTAINLY WAS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND BY EMB OFFICERS THAT HE WOULD BE POST'S PRIMARY CANDIDATE FOR FY 74 GRANT. BELIEVE IT ONLY REASONABLE, THEREFORE, THAT WE ALLOW HIM FULL MONTH NEEDED TO REVIEW WORK REQUIREMENTS AND TO CONSULT WITH HIS SUPERIORS IN ORDER ARRIVE AT DECISION WHETHER IT CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO BE AWAY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD IN EARLY SUMMER.

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C. FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH HABBROUSH

AND SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYID, HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, IN PAST TWO WEEKS KNOW THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GIVE US DEFINITE ANSWER BEFORE END OF APRIL. SHOULD HE ADVISE THAT HE CAN TRAVEL IN LATE JUNE, IT WOULD BE VERY EMBARRASSING IF EMB HAD TO INFORM HIM THAT WE UNABLE TO PROGRAM HIM AT THAT TIME (PARA 3 REFTEL A).

2. REFTEL A STATED THAT IV GRANTEES UNABLE TO PROVIDE FIRM TRAVEL DATA BEFORE END OF FY 74 WOULD BE FUNDED FROM FY 75 FUNDS. CAN THAT STATEMENT BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT FUNDING ASSURED IF HABBROUSH WERE TO INFORM US ETA AND FLIGHT DATA CONFIRMED FOR JULY OR AUGUST? AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, HABBROUSH IS FULL MINISTER IN UAE GOVT AND ONE OF KEY MEMBERS OF ABU DHABI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (SUCCESSOR GOVERNING BODY TO ABU DHABI MINISTERIAL GOVT). WE HAVE ASCERTAINED FROM SOURCES CLOSE TO HABBROUSH THAT HE WOULD EXPECT, IN VIEW HIS RANK AND STANDING WITHIN LOCAL POWER STRUCTURE, TO BE TREATED AS VIP AND, THEREFORE, BE AUTHORIZED BY USG TO TRAVEL FIRST CLASS AND BE BERTHED IN BEST HOTELS IN US. THIS POST HAS NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING MINISTERIAL LEVEL IVS, BUT IT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SENIOR GOVT OFFICIALS SELECTED FOR IV GRANT CAN BE AUTHORIZED FIRST CLASS TRAVEL, ACCOMODATIONS, AND POSSIBLE HIGHER THAN USUAL PERDIEM RATE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT ADVISING ON THESE POINTS BEFORE WE GET INVOLVED IN WORKING OUT DETAILS OF HABBROUSH SCHEDULE.

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